

# CREST OF FLOOD NEAR CINCINNATI

Highest Stage Since 1884  
Expected to Reach  
City To-day.

## LEVEES ARE BREAKING

Many River Towns Are Under  
Water and Calling  
for Help.

## GOV. COX FEARS A FAMINE

Garrison Uses Federal Forces to  
Aid State Efforts at Re-  
storing Order.

The Ohio River, swelled beyond all  
records since 1884, is sweeping toward  
Cincinnati, which the crest is expected  
to reach to-day.

Several levees have broken and more  
than 100 towns and villages have been  
flooded.

The army's relief organization, with  
headquarters at Dayton, which is as-  
sisting in the work of restoration in  
Ohio, is preparing to move south in the  
wake of the rising Ohio and Mississippi.  
Order is being restored with great  
rapidity. Secretary Garrison has  
ordered that Federal efforts be made  
supplementary to those of State au-  
thorities.

Towns along the Ohio beyond Cin-  
cinnati and even on the Mississippi  
have begun to feel the first of the rise  
and are asking for help.

The number of dead in Ohio and  
Indiana is now known to have been  
greatly exaggerated. The total, it now  
appears, will not be more than 500.  
Gov. Cox has again given \$300,000,000  
as his estimate of the property losses  
in Ohio.

The scarcity of food has now become  
the most serious problem in Ohio, ac-  
cording to Gov. Cox. No further sup-  
plies have been received in Columbus  
from Cincinnati and the Governor pre-  
dicts a famine within a week.

## OHIO RIVER TOWNS IN DANGER

Levees Are Breaking and Situation  
Is Becoming Critical.

CINCINNATI, March 30.—The relief  
work in mid-State cities is so well in  
hand that the situation is no longer  
acute. Food has been provided for  
everybody and the work of cleaning up  
the city is progressing.

The situation along the Ohio River,  
in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana cities is  
now most critical. The crest of the  
flood is to-day at Huntington, W. Va.,  
and will be at Cincinnati on Monday.  
The river at Cincinnati is now at 68  
feet and is expected to reach 75 to-  
morrow.

The waterfront business section of  
Cincinnati is all under water, but there  
is no loss of life or distress.

The situation is worse at little towns  
along the Ohio River. Portsmouth is  
entirely cut off from all communication  
by rail or by telegraph.

Maysville, Ky., is in a precarious  
situation. This town is on the bend of  
the river and if the levee breaks the  
whole town will be inundated.

The levee at Lawrenceburg, Ind., near  
here, broke last night, but no lives were  
lost. All inhabitants having sought  
refuge in the hills.

The army officers here sent a river  
steamer up the Ohio yesterday and an-  
other this afternoon.

Rail and telegraph communications  
throughout southern Ohio are badly  
crippled. No trains are leaving Cin-  
cinnati except for the south to Ken-  
tucky via Covington.

The latest reports indicate much exag-  
geration concerning the flood losses and  
that the total deaths throughout the  
State will not exceed 500 and probably  
very much less. The property loss has  
probably not been exaggerated at any  
point.

Fair, warm weather since Thursday  
has helped the general situation im-  
mensely. More rain predicted for to-  
morrow.

Newport and Covington are almost  
completely surrounded by water, but  
adequate warning and relief measures  
prevent suffering.

Kentucky river towns are without  
light and have asked the War Depart-  
ment for troops, fearing looting.

Absolute order prevails in all towns.  
The water in Cincinnati is ten feet  
deep in the business and the best resi-  
dence districts. Col. Zimmerman con-  
trols under martial law.

Forty-three bodies have been recov-  
ered here and the total deaths will  
probably be sixty. Capt. Whaley,  
United States Medical Corps, and Sur-  
geon-General Blue are there.

The property loss here is \$1,000,000.  
The situation at Zanesville is in hand.  
At Chillicothe the deaths total twenty-  
five.

Secretary of War Garrison leaves at  
daylight to-morrow for Columbus to  
confer with Gov. Cox. He will return  
to Cincinnati to-morrow night and  
leave for Washington early on Tues-  
day.

## RELIEF WORK WELL IN HAND.

Dayton Is Rapidly Emerging From  
Water and Mud.

DAYTON, March 30.—The work of re-  
storing the city to its former state  
has been delegated to experts and be-  
gan in earnest to-day with house clean-  
ing in progress in all sections. The  
sanitary department began the removal  
of dead animals and every quarter of  
the city was searched. Up to 4 o'clock  
this afternoon 2,000 carcasses of horses  
and cattle were carried to a fertilizing  
works east of the city.

The relief measures are now so well  
in hand that the hungry in all quar-

## AN INVESTOR'S CATECHISM

Q.—Are stock investments  
dangerous?  
A.—Not necessarily so; but  
an investor holding the stock  
of any corporation—railroad  
or otherwise—is a partner in  
the business, and his invested  
capital is subject to all the  
risks of the business.

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are being fed, clothing and medical aid  
supplied and all pressing wants being  
met. These conditions are due to the  
generous response of the nearby towns  
and cities as well as distant points.

Attention was concentrated to-day  
upon Riverdale, which lies in the elbow  
of the Miami River, where the flood  
was most destructive. This section is  
still flooded and those who go through  
it use boats. Naval reserves have for  
two days been taking people from up-  
per floors or going to flooded houses  
where relatives have asserted that fam-  
ilies were marooned.

Many persons who have been living  
in the upper floors since last Tuesday  
and who have been getting food from  
passing boats have refused to leave.  
Orders have been issued that they must  
not be taken from their places of  
refuge by force if necessary and com-  
pelled to go either to the National Cash  
Register plant or to the hospital tents  
which are being put up just outside the  
district.

# GARRISON SENDS CHEERFUL REPORT

Flood Victims in Hamilton  
Have Food and Supplies,  
He Says.

## WILL RETURN TO-MORROW

Secretary of War Tells Wilson  
Stricken City Will Soon  
Recover.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Secretary of  
War Garrison is so encouraged by con-  
ditions in the flood districts of Ohio  
that he will begin his return trip to  
Washington on Tuesday morning un-  
less President Wilson wishes him to re-  
main longer.

In his report to the President to-  
night, Mr. Garrison said:

"I think it proper for you to announce  
if you desire to do so, that Hamilton  
as well as other places seriously af-  
fected by the flood have found them-  
selves and are tending toward normal  
conditions rapidly."

Despite his encouragement at the con-  
ditions he finds now in Ohio, the Sec-  
retary evidently regards the outlook for  
disasters along the Mississippi River as  
serious. He advised the President in

## MISTAKES

It is said that a doctor's  
mistakes are buried and a  
lawyer's mistakes are hung.  
But an Owner's mistake in  
selecting the wrong contractor  
is more fatal than either, for  
it lives on indefinitely and can  
never be remedied.

That extra twenty-five or  
fifty thousand in excess of the  
original estimated cost can  
never be wiped out, nor can a  
building ever regain the loss  
of rental due to half a year's  
delay in the construction.

The Owners who employ us  
are the kind that do not make  
mistakes.

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## WHEELING FLOOD RECEDING.

Stage of More Than 51 Feet Was  
Reached in Five Days.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 30.—The  
waters of the Ohio River, which have  
held this city in their muddy grasp  
for past four days, receded to-day after  
reaching a stage of fifty-one feet and  
five inches.

The flood was the most disastrous in

# COX FEARS SCARCITY OF FOOD IN OHIO

Famine Expected Within a  
Week in Columbus and  
Other Stricken Cities.

## THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS

Governor Says Property Loss in  
State Will Aggregate  
\$300,000,000.

COLUMBUS, March 30.—With the water  
fast receding here and the danger stage  
passed, the food problem now bids fair  
to become, within a week, the most seri-  
ous problem which the relief workers  
will be called upon to solve.

Mayor Hunt of Cincinnati has been  
sending food to Dayton and other places  
but yesterday as the flood descended  
upon his city from the upper reaches  
of the Ohio River, he put an embargo  
on further exports of provisions.  
Though fifty-five carloads of provisions  
consigned to the State, were in Colum-  
bus last night, and supply trains were  
headed for Ohio from Chicago, Wash-  
ington, New York and other places, the  
Governor was by no means reassured  
that the relief in sight would be suffi-  
cient.

Miss Mabel Boardman, head of the  
Red Cross Society, reached Cincinnati  
last night. She will come to Columbus  
this week to confer with Gov. Cox.  
Gov. Cox again asserted to-night that  
the property damage caused by the  
floods in Ohio will aggregate \$300,000,000,  
and this amount, he thinks, will be  
increased before the Ohio River goes  
down.

Conditions here as a result of the  
Scioto River floods have been exag-  
gerated as in other Ohio cities.

The dead list here will run from 75 to  
100 in all probability. The water has  
receded sufficiently to allow nearly all  
inhabitants of the inundated sections  
whose homes were not completely de-  
stroyed to return to them. The dis-  
trict affected embraces a large terri-  
tory to the west and southwest of the  
State House, where mostly working  
people live. There are numerous fac-  
tories there. Hundreds of homes were  
swept from their foundations and some  
were carried down the river.

The flood will require the rebuilding  
of thousands of other houses. The finer  
residence and business sections escaped  
damage.

Most of the stories told by refugees  
of scores being drowned before their  
eyes are unconfirmed. It is possible  
that when all the debris is cleared away,  
bodies will be found piloned beneath  
the water.

Had it not been for the insistence of  
people who remained in their houses in  
the face of repeated warnings, the fat-  
ality list would have been compara-  
tively small.

The sum of \$50,000 has been raised  
by voluntary contributions to a relief  
fund. In addition the city council voted  
\$75,000 and great stores of provisions  
and clothing have been contributed.  
Thousands of the homeless have been  
cared for in public halls. One thousand  
have been fed daily in the Masonic  
Temple.

The committee has declared its pur-  
pose not only to provide for immediate  
needs but also to give permanent re-  
lief in helping the victims restore their  
homes and get back on their feet.

## PITTSBURG RIVERS RECEDING.

Western Pennsylvania Towns in  
Danger of Meat Famine.

PITTSBURG, March 30.—The three  
rivers here, although still swollen, have  
dropped below the flood stage.

Early this morning the old Sixteenth  
street bridge over the Allegheny River  
collapsed. In the Beaver Valley the  
Ohio and Beaver rivers have fallen.  
Power plants, water works and traction  
lines are resuming.

The Mahoning and Shenango rivers  
have left the streets of New Castle and  
Sharon. Nearly a hundred hungry re-  
fugees from the Shenango Valley  
came into Sharon early this morning.

In most of the stricken towns  
throughout western Pennsylvania, east-  
ern Ohio and West Virginia the food  
famine has been broken.

All the towns in western Pennsylv-  
ania that depend on Pittsburgh for their  
meat supply are expecting a meat fam-  
ine. No meat has been received here  
from points west since last Monday and  
most of what was in the storage plants  
has been consumed. Meat that was sell-  
ing a week ago for 1-2 cents a pound  
costs 20 cents to-day.

Saloons throughout this end of the  
State and in West Virginia are being  
kept closed by official orders.

Collections for the benefit of the flood  
sufferers were taken up to-day in every  
church in Pittsburgh. The Second Pres-  
byterian Church, the largest in the city,  
held its services in the Pennsylvania  
Theatre. The church building in Eighth  
street is flooded.

Pittsburg will be busy this week tak-  
ing precautions against disease that  
generally follows an inundation.

## FLOOD DISTRICTS OPENED UP.

Railroads Will Start Regular Run-  
ning Schedule To-day.

Nothing like schedule time was made  
on the railroads on their through west-  
ern passenger traffic yesterday, but  
they still continued to cut down the  
time. The New York Central could not  
open its Hudson River division be-  
tween Albany and Castleton because the  
water had washed out too much of the  
roadbed to make it safe. This will be  
repaired by this morning.

The Twentieth Century Limited, which  
was due around 9:40 o'clock, came in  
in two sections after 2 o'clock. The  
Detroit was five or six hours late, the  
fast mail nearly six hours late and the  
Wolverine, due at 9 o'clock, arrived at 1:57.

There was a similar record on the  
Pennsylvania. But all railroads re-  
ported that more sections of the flood  
districts were being opened up. It  
might be roundabout, but supplies could  
be gotten in. The freight schedules  
throughout the districts will start to-  
day. That affects only perishable  
freight for supplies. Every road will  
send that kind through now in prefer-  
ence to anything else.

## TWO YOUNG COUPLES DROWNED.

Tragedy of Girl's Body Reveals  
Tragedy of a Week Ago.

MOBILE, Ala., March 30.—The find-  
ing of the body of Myrtle Tolliver, 17 years  
old, in Mobile River this afternoon re-  
vealed a tragedy in which four people lost  
their lives last Sunday.

Miss Tolliver, Marie Robinson, 18 years  
old, John C. Higgins and Burt Conan were  
hired a launch for a ride on the river and  
bayed. It is believed the high water caused  
the boat to capsize.

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especially adapted for Misses'  
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and Evening wear.

Special Sales will be held this  
day (Monday) of Silk Eponge  
and Women's Trimmed Hats.

To-morrow (Tuesday), April 1st,  
there will be Special Sales of  
Women's Afternoon and Even-  
ing Gowns and Imported House  
Gowns.

Fifth Avenue, 34th and 35th Streets, New York.

## Flood Scene in First Street, Troy, N. Y.



Photo by Underwood & Underwood.

As fast as the people are taken out  
the workmen are making a start at  
cleaning up. It is believed that if this  
work can be done quickly the possi-  
bility of disease will be lessened. So  
far there are no more than a normal  
number of cases of contagious disease.

In the central part of the city, the  
greatest property loss has been experi-  
enced. There has been no exaggeration  
of this loss. Miles of streets present  
the same ruined aspect. Whatever the  
water touched it destroyed in part at  
least, and street yards and first floors  
are littered with debris. Everything is  
covered with thick, slimy mud.

Crowds besieged the telegraph offices  
constantly in the hope of hearing some-  
thing from the outside world. The  
clamor for messages became so insistent  
last night that the National Cash  
Register Company sent an automobile  
to Cincinnati for telegrams that had  
been lying there for days. The Postal  
Telegraph Company was the first to get  
a wire into town over which business  
could be done with New York. The  
office was swamped within an hour with  
personal messages. No telephones are  
working.

Bodies are still being brought from  
the ruined districts as the water recedes.  
Dr. John W. McKenny, county  
Coroner, said this afternoon that he him-  
self had handled forty-seven bodies and  
his information was that from 125 to  
150 bodies had been recovered. There  
are fewer than a hundred bodies now in  
the temporary morgue at the National  
Cash Register plant. No bodies have  
yet been found in the streets.

There were many persons in the  
streets to-day who appeared to have no  
business there. They walked aimlessly  
about peering down ruined streets and  
into homes where men and women were  
making an attempt to clean up. Orders  
were issued to the soldiers to corral  
them and several hundred were im-  
mediately gathered in and made to  
work under guard.

The militia seized and confiscated all  
the automobiles whose owners and  
drivers persisted in passing beyond cer-  
tain limits.

George F. Burba, secretary to Gov.  
Cox, said this afternoon that food and  
clothing for one week must be pro-  
vided for 40,000 persons, and 20,000  
persons who have lost everything must  
be provided for indefinitely and  
eventually financed. There are 15,000  
houses to be cleaned and repaired.  
There are 2,000 houses to be torn down.

## PUNCHED AN ELEVATED GUARD.

Abel's Story of Insult to Wife Wins  
Court's Approval.

William Anthony Abel, a silk manu-  
facturer, of 1540 Eastchester road, West-  
chester village, was arraigned in the night  
court last night, charged with having as-  
saulted Julius Suf, a guard on the Third  
avenue elevated system.

Mr. Abel, his wife and Mrs. Louise  
Briggs, a friend, all told Magistrate Krotel  
that they boarded Suf's car at Chatham  
Square. Mrs. Abel was in the rear with  
two small children and did not walk fast  
enough for the guard.

"Why in hell don't you hurry?" Suf  
demanded roughly, according to the testi-  
mony. He then slammed the gate shut,  
hurting Mrs. Abel's side.

Mrs. Abel told her husband and Abel  
went out on the platform and knocked the  
guard down. Then he was arrested.  
"You have no right to take the law in  
your own hands," said Magistrate Krotel.  
Although I believe the guard did act in  
the manner described. You should have  
had him arrested."

He then discharged Abel.

his report to-night that he was prepar-  
ing to hold reserves to meet emergen-  
cies on the river.

The Secretary returned from Dayton  
to Cincinnati to-day and will go to  
Columbus to-morrow. He has devoted  
the last twenty-four hours mainly to  
investigating conditions in Hamilton,  
Zanesville and Chillicothe. He reported  
the loss of life in Hamilton will not  
reach eighty and that the water and  
lighting systems are practically re-  
stored to normal conditions.

In his report the Secretary expresses  
the opinion that had it been possible for  
the telegraph and telephone companies  
to transmit fuller news on the flood  
conditions the conclusions drawn by the  
people outside the flood districts would  
not have been so gloomy.

Secretary Garrison reported that Miss  
Mabel Boardman, chairman of the relief  
committee of the Red Cross Society to-  
day, and he was convinced she and her  
aides can take care of the situation  
after the emergency has passed and the  
War Department's forces have been  
withdrawn. In his report the Secretary  
said in part:

"From a personal inspection made in  
company with Major Gen. Wood I find  
the situation at Hamilton, Ohio, to be  
as follows: 'The flood area was wide  
and the destruction of property very  
large. The debris has not all been  
searched as yet, but I think it safe to  
estimate that seventy to eighty will be  
the outside limit of the number of the  
dead. The public spirit displayed here  
is of the highest and most commendable  
quality and the citizens are enthusias-  
tically cooperating with the National  
Guard officer in command of the situa-  
tion. There is an abundance of food,  
shelter, medical supplies, physicians  
and clothing. Nothing needed for the  
existing emergency is lacking.

"The water system has been reestab-  
lished and will be normal by night. The  
lighting system will then again be put  
in operation."

"As a preventive measure officers  
have been sent from here to Louisville,  
Ky., and Evansville. One large boat is  
being stocked with provisions and an  
officer and aid will be placed on it to  
go to Portsmouth, Ohio, and from  
there to Point Pleasant, Ky., visiting  
the places on both sides of the river  
and giving relief where needed.

"My present plan is to go to Columbus  
to-morrow morning early to meet the  
Governor and survey that situation, re-  
turning here some time during the night  
and leaving here for Washington about  
daylight on Tuesday morning, unless I  
hear from Gov. Oddie yesterday for  
you think it better for me to remain  
here or to do otherwise."

## BILL WOULD FREE SLAYERS.

Nevada's Governor Is Compelled to  
Veto Measure.

RENO, Nev., March 30.—When the new  
bill passed recently by the Legislature,  
providing that hereafter the one and only  
form of capital punishment in Nevada  
should be that of death by electricity,  
came before Gov. Oddie yesterday for  
his signature a perplexed situation  
confronted the Governor.

He was compelled against his own  
wishes to veto the bill otherwise two  
condemned murderers would have gone  
free. The convicted men chose to be  
sent instead of hanged—a privilege given  
under the existing law. The sentence is to  
be carried out early next month.

Had the Governor signed the new bill,  
thus causing a termination of the old law,  
the men would have escaped punishment.

half a century and the damage done in  
Wheeling alone is estimated to be  
\$2,000,000. Ten thousand people have  
been cared for daily by the city and  
charitable associations.

The fatalities were increased to five  
last night when John O'Hare was  
drowned from a rowboat. Twenty-five  
thousand men in the Wheeling district  
have been forced out of employment by  
the water.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—A telegram  
received to-day from the agent of the  
Red Cross Society at Wheeling, W. Va.,  
announced that grave distress existed  
at Parkersburg. Gov. Hatfield of West  
Virginia had sent a despatch to the  
Wheeling office asking for aid. The  
telegram indicated a condition of panic  
at Parkersburg, and the society antici-  
pates having to take up relief work  
there at once.

## SCHOOLS CLOSED IN CAIRO.

Ohio River Rises Rapidly at Shaw-  
neetown, Ill., Also.

CAIRO, Ill., March 30.—The Ohio River  
registered 51.3 feet here at 7 o'clock to-  
night. This is a rise of 1.6 feet in to-  
night. There is a rise of 1.6 feet in a con-  
siderable decrease from the rate at  
which the river has been rising for  
several days.

Observer Lindley issued this morning  
a special bulletin predicting 54 feet of  
water here as a certainty and 56 feet  
as a strong possibility. His predic-  
tion reads:

"With weather conditions becoming  
somewhat unsettled in the river dis-  
trict and rapid rises continuing in the  
Ohio and Wabash, 54 feet is regarded as  
certain at Cairo if the levees hold. With  
conditions as they are now 56  
feet is regarded as a strong possibility  
here, subject to the levees holding the  
water."

So many persons have sent their  
families out of the city that it has been  
decided to close the public schools to-  
morrow. The churches did not hold  
services to-night.

SHAWNEETOWN, Ill., March 30.—The  
Ohio River at this point continues to  
rise at a rapid rate. The indications  
now are that the greatest flood in the  
history of the town is sure to come.  
The crest is expected to reach here  
next Friday or Saturday.

The flood in the Wabash Valley has  
now exceeded all previous records by  
more than two feet and the river is  
rising rapidly. Women and children  
have been sent to the